

Definitions

Sexual Harassment

- Is unwelcome, sexual or gender-based verbal, written, online and/or physical conduct.
- Anyone experiencing sexual harassment in any college program is encouraged to report it immediately to any college officials.

Sexual harassment creates a hostile environment, and may be disciplined when it is:

- Sufficiently severe, persistent/pervasive and objectively offensive that it:
- Has the effect of unreasonably interfering with, denying or limiting employment opportunities or the ability to participate in or benefit from the university's educational, social and/or residential program, and is
- Based on power differentials (quid pro quo), the creation of a hostile environment or retaliation.

Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse

Defined as:

- Any sexual penetration of intercourse (anal, oral or vaginal)
- However slight
- With any object
- By a person upon another person
- That is without consent and/or by force

Sexual penetration includes vaginal or anal penetration by a penis, tongue, finger or object, or oral copulation by mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact.

Non-Consensual Sexual Contact

Defined as:

- Any intentional sexual touching
- However slight
- With any object
- By a person upon another person
- That is without consent and/or by force

Sexual touching includes any bodily contact with the breasts, groin, genitals, mouth or other bodily orifice of another individual, or any other bodily contact in a sexual manner.

Sexual Exploitation

Sexual Exploitation refers to a situation in which a person takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another, and situations in which the conduct does not fall within the definitions of Sexual Harassments, Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse or Non-Consensual Sexual Contact.

Examples of Sexual Exploitation include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual voyeurism (such as watching a person undressing, using the bathroom or engaged in sexual acts without the consent of the person observed)
- Taking pictures or video or audio recording another in a sexual act, or in any other private activity without the consent of all involved in the activity, or exceeding the boundaries of consent (such as allowing another person to hide in a closet and observe sexual activity, or disseminating sexual pictures without the photographed person's consent)
- Prostitution
- Sexual exploitation also includes engaging in sexual activity with another person while knowingly infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or other sexually transmitted disease (STD) and without informing the other person of the infection, and further includes administering alcohol or drugs (such as "date rape" drugs) to another person without his or her knowledge or consent.

Consent

Consent is knowing, voluntary and clear permission by word or action, to engage in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Since individuals may experience the same interaction in different ways, it is the responsibility of each party to make certain that the other has consented before engaging in the activity. For consent to be valid, there must be a clear expression in words or actions that the other individual consented to that specific sexual conduct.

A person cannot consent if he or she is unable to understand what is happening or is disoriented, helpless, asleep or unconscious for any reason, including due to alcohol or other drugs. An individual who engages in sexual activity when the individual knows, or should know, that the other person is physically or mentally incapacitated has violated this policy.



Mid-Plains Community College

**OPTIONS FOR VICTIMS
OF DISCRIMINATION,
HARASSMENT,
& SEXUAL ASSAULT**

MPCC Official Non-Discrimination/ADA Statement

MPCC adheres to all federal and state civil rights laws banning discrimination in public institutions of higher education. MPCC will not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, student or applicant for admission on the basis of race, religion, hearing status, personal appearance, color, sex, pregnancy, political affiliation, source of income, place of business, residence, creed, ethnicity, national origin (including ancestry), citizenship status, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, veteran or military status (including special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran, or recently separated veteran), predisposing genetic characteristic information and testing, domestic violence victim status, Family Medical Leave or any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law, including protections for those opposing discrimination or participating in any grievance process on campus or within the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or other human rights agencies. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Area Director of Human Resources, Mid-Plains Community College-North Campus, 1101 Halligan Dr., North Platte, NE 69101, 308 535-3679 or toll free 800 658-4308, Ext. 3679. Inquiries involving McCook Campus students should be directed to the Area Dean of Student Life in McCook at 1205 East Third Street, McCook, NE 69001, 308 345-8108, or toll free 800 658-4348, Ext. 8108; or, for North Platte Campus inquiries, the Associate Dean of Student Life in North Platte, 1101 Halligan Drive, North Platte, NE 69101, 308 535-3622 or toll-free 800 658-4308, Ext. 3622. If you have a disability and require an accommodation while attending Mid-Plains Community College, please contact: Robin Rankin, North Campus, 308 535-3637 or 800 658-4308, Ext. 3637, rankin@mpcc.edu; Chris Turner, South Campus, 308 535-3715 or 800 658-4308, Ext. 3715, turner@mpcc.edu; or Brandon Lenhart, McCook Community College, 308 345-8128 or 800 658-4348, Ext. 8128, lenhart@mpcc.edu, or disabilityservices@mpcc.edu. For the latest version of this statement, visit www.mpcc.edu/non-discrimination-policy.

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Private vs Formal Reporting

Options for Students

Private Reporting

Those seeking to report misconduct may seek advice from certain resources who are not required to initially tell anyone else your private, personally identifiable information unless there is a pattern of abuse, cause for fear for your safety or the safety of others. These resources include employees without supervisory responsibility or remedial authority to address discrimination, harassment, retaliation and/or sexual misconduct, such as non-supervisory faculty members, career services staff, admission officers, student activities personnel, residence hall directors, and many others. If a reporting party is unsure of someone's duties and ability to maintain privacy, ask them before talking to them. They will be able to explain and help a reporting party to make decisions about who is in the best position to help. All these resources are instructed to share incident reports with their supervisors, but they do not share any personally identifiable information about the report unless the reporting party gives permission, except in the rare event that the incident reveals a need to protect the reporting party and/or other members of the community. If personally identifiable information is shared, it will be shared with as few people as possible and all efforts will be made to protect privacy to the greatest possible extent.

Formal Reporting

You are encouraged to speak to College officials, such as the Title IX/Equity/AA Coordinator, Dean of Students, Resident Advisors (RAs), and other supervisors to make formal reports of incidents of sexual misconduct. You have the right, and can expect, to have grievances taken seriously by the MPCC when formally reported, and to have those incidents investigated and properly resolved through these procedures. Formal reporting still affords you privacy, and only a small group of officials who need to know will be told. Information will be shared as necessary with investigators, witnesses and the responding party. The circle of people with this knowledge will be kept as tight as possible to preserve your rights and privacy. Additionally safe and anonymous reports, which do not trigger investigations, can be made by victims and/or third parties using the online reporting form posted at www.mpcc.edu/options-for-victims-of-discrimination-harrasment-sexual-assault.

Crisis Support & Counseling

Whether you need support now or years after experiencing sexual assault or dating violence, help is available 24 hours a day.

Rape/Domestic Abuse Program of North Platte

414 East A Street
North Platte, NE 69103
308-532-0624
www.nprdap.org

24-Hour Crisis Line Hotline

308-534-3495

Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services (McCook)

322 Norris Avenue, 2nd Floor
P. O. Box 714
McCook, NE 69001
308-345-1612
www.dasas.net

24-Hour Crisis Line

1-877-345-5534

Medical Services

Getting a head-to toe wellness check, pregnancy testing, and/or STI screening and treatment can be part of your healing process.

Great Plains Health

601 W. Leota
North Platte, NE 69101
308-696-8000
www.gprmc.com

McCook Community Hospital

1301 East H Street
P. O. Box 1328
McCook, NE 69001
308-344-2650
www.chmccook.org

Reporting Options

All reports will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. Sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking are forms of gender discrimination and violations of the Title IX, state law, and MPCC policy.

For more information, go to www.mpcc.edu/student-right-to-know-policy.

Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students Office is designated to receive and investigate allegations of student misconduct. Upon receiving a report, Dean of Student Office will also ensure that victims are provided with assistance and referrals.

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Other Reporting Contacts

Vice President of Student Affairs

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Human Resources

Rebecca Wrage, Title IX Coordinator

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Law Enforcement Services

North Platte Police Department

701 S. Jeffers Street
North Platte, NE 69101
308-535-6789
www.cinorth-platte.ne.us

McCook Police Department

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308-345-3450
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